

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 20
REVIEW: THE TRAINING OF PETER AND JOHN

GOLDEN TEXT—Ye shall be my witnesses.

THE LESSON FOR DECEMBER 20—The Training of Peter and John. (Lesson 11) John 1:1-19.

A good way to review the lesson of the six months' course of study in the book of Peter and John will be to review the lesson of the six months' course of study in the book of Peter and John.

1. Peter's Call. (Lesson 11) John 1:1-19. Before Christ trains for service he calls to salvation.

2. To be Fishers of Men (Lesson 21) Mark 1:14-20. It would seem that after their conversion the disciples had gone back to their trade of fishing. Those who were called by Christ into service would go back to their ordinary callings in life, if they be honorable, until he definitely calls them into special service.

3. Training. (Lesson 11) John 1:19-27. Jesus is Peter's home (Lesson 3) Mark 1:21-28. Christ's entry into Peter's home and the meeting of his wife's mother showed the disciples that he was a true Son of David.

4. A Lesson in Trust (Lesson 4) Mark 1:22-28. The training and abiding need of the disciples in their ministry was to trust in Christ.

5. Peter's Confession (Lesson 6) Matt. 16:13-19. The Lord had been revealing him to the disciples in various ways. He had called them to follow him. He had shown them that he was the Son of David. He had shown them that he was the Messiah.

6. Jesus' Prayer (Lesson 8) Luke 9:18-22. The disciples needed to know that all who are really doing the Lord's work, casting out devils and casting them out in Christ's name, should be received into fellowship and hidden glory. But now Jesus was revealing to them the things in his coming kingdom. (1 Peter 1:10-12).

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8. At the trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus (Lesson 13) John 18:1-18:28; 19:1-19:42; 20:1-20:9. Peter's pre-emptive self-confession kept him from hearing the Lord's warning. He played the coward and even betrayed in haste. Note the steps in Peter's downfall: (1) Self-confession (Mark 14:29). Jesus had told them that all of them should be faithful. But Peter was determined to show the Lord that he was mistaken in him. (2) Failure to watch (Mark 14:37). Self-confidence is always followed by unwatchfulness. One who thinks himself strong will go to sleep. (3) Failure to pray (Mark 14:38). It is the one who realizes his weakness who always seeks the communion of God in prayer. (4) Zeal without knowledge (Mark 14:47). Peter thought now to make up for his lack of watchfulness and prayer by outward acts. Many today are equally foolish. (5) Following after of Mark 14:54). Christ's rebuke of Peter for his fervent zeal on him in the quick. He was not ready to forsake him, but followed after off. No doubt wondering what would be the outcome. (6) Warning himself at the centinel's fire (Mark 14:54). (7) Open denial (Mark 14:66-72).

Reaching City of Fortune. Would you reach the city of Fortune? Catch the car marked Perseverance.

Random Tuppings

Statistics tell us that the average man in America is a miser. He has a net worth of \$7,777,777.

Silk stockings, we understand, are to be \$12 and \$15 a pair. And after paying such an exorbitant price for them, they are to be worn for only one year.

Every body wants an automobile. Every body wants a house. Every body wants a car. Every body wants a house. Every body wants a car.

Why all this worry about the cost of the world? We'll know when it comes without getting all fussed up in advance. Some men go up, and some go down. But others, you know, just lazily around. We have 'em.

In the gloaming, they are mourning. And these, I doubt, will leave 'em. Between the negro who shoots craps and the public official who shoots bunk, the only difference we can discern is the slight one of color.

What is a prodigy? Name it, take it and keep it. Nobody wants it. Christmas will be here on the 25th of December. And here's hoping you are also here to greet it.

No use for your wife to shiver with cold these cold days. A soulless coat can be had for as low as \$500 to \$1000. Shopper and spender liberally while the getting is good. Prices may take a tumble some day.

The wise man speaks a good word of others. The fool jabs at only of himself. Calmness breeds good judgment and admiration. Excitability breeds only pity and contempt.

Our nation-wide campaign against the profiteers has passed beyond the kindergarten stage. It is now reported that the profiteers are being peacefully on a sick in the dark room of the undertaker.

Start out the new year with your subscription paid up. Life Was a Misery. Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into wedded life, I have been a misery. I have been a misery. I have been a misery."

Optimistic Thought. The hero lifted his sword against the enemy that rode him, but he was not the enemy that he was riding. He was riding the enemy.

Like and Unlike. An old preacher used to say that a wife should be at once like and unlike three things. First, she should be like a small, always keep within her house, but she should not, like a small, carry all she has on her back. Secondly, she should be like an echo, to speak when she is spoken to; but she should not, like the echo, always have the last word. Thirdly, she should be like the town clock, always keep the regularity, but she should not, like the town clock, speak as loud that all the town may hear her. Boston Transcript.

Umbrella Improvement. It is the little things which make for perfection, we are told. An inventor sends in a device which certainly shows a taste for perfection. No one is familiar with the strip of tape with a catch which is used snugly to wind up closed umbrellas. When the umbrella is open this piece of tape drags and peddles in a way that undoubtedly is offensive to the dignity of some. The inventor in question has made an invention which provides means of stowing away the pendant into the interior of the opened umbrella by means of a snapping device.

Economy of Speech

The country as a whole has lost the art of speaking English. Some people would say that America is a land of a British colony, that she is a land of a British colony, that she is a land of a British colony.

A friend of mine is very fond of lobster, but like many men, has no idea how such food is prepared. His wife had occasion to be absent from home one day last week, and he told her to get a lobster for him, and requesting him not to wait dinner for her. He was quite hungry when he reached home and, after regarding the note, said to the servant: "Is that lobster ready?"

"No, sir, it isn't," said the girl. "Well, hurry up with it. I'm as hungry as a bear," said he. "I can't, sir," said the girl. "The mistress said to broil the lobster, and I got him on the gridiron after a while of fuss. The more I looked the fatter the more he waited on, and I thought the lobster was roasted and no good would come from cooking a straddle bag like that."

"What did you do with it?" said his friend, getting mad. "I left it on the gridiron for her. He was going out the back door with his tail up, like the maniac he was."

He had said for dinner.—London Mail.

ALIBI PROVED FOR PRETZEL. Going Far Back Into Ancient History, It Can Be Proved That It Was Not of German Origin.

Now comes the lovely pretzel, the bar of baked dough in a various attempt to remove the stigma of German origin. It has been traced back into ancient history to prove its alibi and upon the face of the evidence presented it has made out a reasonable case for itself. Indignantly does the pretzel deny that it sprang from unhalloved association with German beer; that it is a declaration of a degradation characteristically Teutonic. The pretzel insists that it is inherently a baked good, for in the early days of the Christian church the pretzel was used almost exclusively as a reward of merit given by a priest to children for learning their prayers in the monasteries of the middle ages. The pretzel was considered a rare delicacy, and during Lent it was the usual alms offering. Furthermore the very crookedness of the pretzel is a crushing argument against its claim to be a native of the Germanic race. For it represents the arms folded in prayer. Thus stands the case for the sanctity of the humble pretzel.

Tradition, bolstered by the press and the testimony of the oldest inhabitants, gives authority to the statement that the oldest house, No. 54 North St. George street, St. Augustine, Fla., is really the oldest house in America. Built by the Don in medieval times (1589) on the oldest street of what was the site of the Indian village of Seloe, whose chief was Folemato, this ancient house has never been remodeled or modernized.

The architecture is of Moorish design, antedating the Spanish. With its corinthian columns, round carved pillars in the patio, mahogany stairways, heavy red cedar timbers, all pegged together, secret closets and other substantial hallmarks. It is unlike any other house in St. Augustine, and is truly one of the sights of the ancient city.

All in Well-Chosen Library. Said Emerson: "Consider what you have in the smallest chosen library. A house is the last word of the wisest and wisest man that can be picked out of all the dwellers in a thousand years have set in best order the results of their learning and wisdom. The men themselves were life and inaccessible. I looked with awe at the thought which they did not know to their bosom friend is here written out in transparent words to us, the stranger of another age."

DOG FINDS DEFENDER. The National Geographic Review says: "The dog has earned his keep in days of old and in a hundred times over. And yet ungrateful persons and foolish declaimers would like to destroy the dog on the pretext of reviving the sheep industry, when it is well known that the sheep industry in the United States was destroyed because of international competition by the cheap wool of Australia, whose labor is 50 cents a month and is worth \$5 an acre and Americans have better pay for their wool than the Australians. The stupidity of it! The heartlessness and inhumanity of it! These silly people will not win in this bloody crusade. The heart and morality of the world is too big to sustain a whole army of such kind, which is opposed by truth, common sense and loyalty."

Happy Memory Precious. In one of Dostoevsky's novels the hero at the last of the book talking to some little school fellows who have learned to love him says: "You must know that there is nothing higher and stronger and more wholesome and good for life in the future than some good memory, especially a memory of childhood, of home. People talk to you great deal about your education, but some good, sacred memory, preserved from childhood, is perhaps the best education. If a man carries many such memories with him into life, he is safe to the end of his days, and if one has only one good memory left in one's heart, even that may sometimes be the means of saving us."

NO LOBSTER AT THAT MEAL

Good and Distinct Reason Why Man Took His Dinner From the Humble Sardine Tin.

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Too Much Room

Wills that had been wearing undergarments that were too small for him. As he was growing rapidly, his mother bought garments over-sized, expecting him to fill them before they were worn.

Wills, when put inside the new, purchased undergarments, shriveled his shoulders, and, seemingly discontented with his lot, remarked: "Ma, I feel awfully homesick in this shirt."

Learn to Swim. With the possible exception of bathing and fencing, there is no exercise that so well develops all parts of the body as swimming. Also, it may often be the means of saving your life or the life of another. Every child should learn to swim as a part of its physical development. And every adult who has not learned to swim should do so.

Getting Proficient. "William," cried the astonished lady, "what on earth are you doing standing before the mirror making those dreadful faces?" "Well, my dear," replied her husband, "I am to receive a presentation at our club meeting tonight, and as I am not supposed to know anything about it, I'm practicing a look of intense surprise."

Not Mercenary. "An artist is supposed to have a disregard for money," said a painter, "but I am not supposed to have a disregard for money. I've known many of them to let a \$5,000 picture go for ten planks."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Daily Thought. Aspiration sets only one side of every question; reason, the other.

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